

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION AND PREFERRED CARRIER SERVICES, INC. | DOCKET NO. NIA-01-2 |
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ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

(Issued March 20, 2001)

On February 2, 2001, Qwest Corporation and Preferred Carrier Services, Inc., filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On February 21, 2001, the Board issued an order identified as Docket NIA-01-2 and allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment if it finds either (1) the agreement or amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) the implementation of the agreement or amendment is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed amendment does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier and is not inconsistent with the public purpose and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The negotiated interconnection agreement filed on February 2, 2001, by Qwest Corporation and Preferred Carrier Services, Inc., is approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Acting Executive Secretary, Asst. to

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20th day of March, 2001.